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**SCHEDULED EVENTS
& ENTERTAINMENT**

Events are on hold due to COVID-19

Small socially distant group activities are being reintroduced for the month of November. Please refer to the November calendar of activities for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
January Birthdays
Deborah Bellavance (1/5), Marlene Wallace (1/7)
Vincent Squicari (1/9), Sanaa Youseff (1/10)
Edward Holland (1/24), Al Hutton (1/29)
Joseph Vieira (1/30)
February Birthdays
Carol McDevitt (2/28)
March Birthdays
Doris Rice (3/7), Karen Letalien (3/28)

Veterans Day Lunch

On Wednesday, November 11th, we paid tribute to all our veterans who sacrificed for the sake of our nation. The Clafin Street Café was decorated with red, white and blue. Patriotic music played in the background as the veterans enjoyed a delicious meal including tossed salad, pasta and meatballs, rolls, and apple pie and ice cream for dessert.

They enjoyed sharing their stories about their time spent in the service. Certificates were made for each individual veteran, printed with their names and which branch of service they served in. The local VFW also donated soft fleece blankets to all our veterans.



Tom Kelly, Lt. Col Ret. (above) and John Alexander (below) celebrate at our Veterans Day Lunch.



Activities

For a brief time we were able to gather for socially distanced group activities playing Bingo (their favorite!) and crafts where we made Christmas cards and snowflakes. We also gathered for chair exercises three times a week, as well as Sunday Matinee.

We had planned on cookie and cupcake decorating, making English muffin pizzas as well as an evening trip to La Sallette Shrine in Attleboro for those interested in seeing the Christmas lights. These activities were canceled due to the December COVID-19 outbreak.

January Plans

Resident outings are on hold due to COVID, however we are having small group activities.

We are happy to report the hairdresser is back in full swing!

Here are some of the activities planned for the month of January.

- Bingo on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays
- Chair exercises on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Manicures and hand massages
- Sunday afternoon movie
- Shut the box table game
- The Price is Right game
- Cupcake and cookie decorating
- Ice cream sodas and ice cream sundaes on Fridays
- Penguin craft
- Flower craft
- Resident council
- Family visits
- Zoom calls and Face Time calls



Jeanine Belli (above) and Shirley Mills (below) both enjoying Thanksgiving dinner.



Communicating with Your Loved One

The Activity Department continues to offer alternative modes of visiting/communication such as Zoom, Google Meet, Face Time, etc. We have tablets available to use for our residents. Please schedule a time for virtual communication with your loved one by contacting Elaine Roussel-Skillins, Activity Director, at 508.473.1272 ext. 3519 or email her at erousselskillins@egmcare.com.

Hopefully in the near future, in-person family visits will resume at seven days per week between the hours of 10:00 and 11:30 AM as well as 2:30 to 4:00 P.M. The visits are approximately 45 minutes and everyone must wear a face mask at all times, as well as stay six feet apart at all times. We also offer an evening visit one night per week from 7:00-8:00 P.M. Please contact the activities department to book these family visits.



Peter Bertonazzi the Turkey.

Thanksgiving

On Thanksgiving Eve, Peter from Activities put on his turkey costume and “gobbled” his way up and down the halls, often being hailed into residents’ room where they could get a closer look at our “Turkey!”

The Children of Sacred Heart Church sent in their Thanksgiving wishes to the Blaire House of Milford residents with handmade holiday cards for each our residents. Our traditional turkey and all the fixings were served on Thanksgiving Day. Dinner was made by our dedicated and talented chef, Zoraida Comacho (best turkey and stuffing!!!)

Kyle Romano, Executive Director, and Daria from Activities served our residents their meals.

**A Message from Kyle Romano,
Executive Director**

Greetings to all at the Blaire House Community, Happy New Year to All! This certainly has been a historic year with the pandemic. It is clear that the pandemic still has a grasp on our country. With continued COVID-19 education and now as the COVID Vaccine is administered, we have renewed hope that as we enter 2021, we will have a better grasp on this virus and in keeping our community healthy, safe and strong.

Best regards,
Kyle Romano, Executive Director